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1. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, NP
SUBJECT: GON VIEWS ON CUBA AS HOST FOR NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT

1. DURING CALL ON FOREIGN SECRETARY BHATT JULY 3
TO INTRODUCE NEW DCM BOEHM, I REFERRED TO SEVERAL
RECENT ITEMS IN LOCAL PRESS ON DEBATE AMONG NON-
ALIGNED COUNTRIES ABOUT DESIRABILITY OF CUBA HOSTING
SUMMIT MEETING IN 1979. PRESS REPORTS HAD NOTED
THAT SOME NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WERE QUESTIONING
CUBA'S CREDENTIALS BECAUSE OF ITS LINKS WITH THE
USSR AND ITS MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA. I ASKED
BHATT WHETHER GON HAD ADDRESSED THIS ISSUE.

2. BHATT SAID THAT GON HAD NOT AS YET HAD
OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH INDIA (INTERESTING
ADMISSION OF NEPAL'S DEFERENCE TO INDIA ON NON-
ALIGNED MATTERS) BUT THAT HE PERSONALLY FELT IT
WAS TOO LATE TO CHANGE SITE OF 1979 SUMMIT
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MEETING. NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HAD MADE
ORIGINAL MISTAKE OF (A) ADMITTING CUBA TO NON-ALIGNED GROUP IN
1960S AND (B) DECIDING AT
COLOMBO TO ACCEPT CUBAN INVITATION TO HOST SUMMIT
MEETING. HAVING GONE DOWN THIS ROAD, NON-ALIGNED
GROUP COULD NOT REVERSE ITSELF EVEN THOUGH
THERE WERE NUMEROUS COUNTRIES INCLUDING NEPAL THAT WERE

UNHAPPY WITH CUBA'S ACTIVITIES AND LINKS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. EVEN YUGOSLAVIA, WHICH HAD TAKEN LEAD IN QUESTIONING SOME OF CUBA'S ACTIVITIES, WISHED TO AVOID CONFRONTATION IN INTEREST OF NON-ALIGNED UNITY. BHATT FELT NEPAL WOULD GO ALONG WITH POLICY ESPOUSED BY YUGOSLAVIA.

3. BHATT WENT ON TO SAY THAT ON DIFFICULT CONFLICTS BETWEEN TWO NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS HE PREDICTED NON-ALIGNED AT BELGRADE WOULD COME UP WITH RESOLUTIONS URGING BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. AS FOR MULTILATERAL PROBLEMS LIKE SOME OF THOSE EXISTING IN AFRICA, HE ANTICIPATED SPECIAL COMMITTEES WOULD BE APPOINTED TO LOOK INTO THEM.
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